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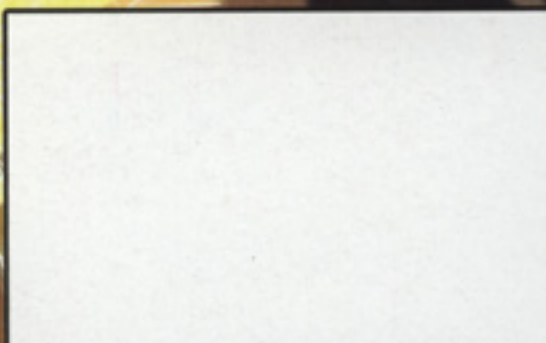
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SONIC™

THE HEDGEHOG

ALL-NEW
STORY!



UNBURYING THE HATCHET

GYA-HA-HA-
HA-HA-HA-HA!
AT LONG LAST!
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
IS MY CAPTIVE!

MEH.
YOU'VE
CAUGHT ME
BEFORE. I'LL
BE OUT OF
HERE IN NO
TIME.



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TOO TRUE,
BUT NOT IN THE
WAY YOU THINK. OH,
IT'S SUCH A
WONDERFUL
FEELING TO HAVE
MY HATED
NEMESIS AT
MY MERCY!



GIVE IT
A REST, EGGMAN.
METAL SONIC
DID ALL THE
WORK, AND YOU
KNOW IT.



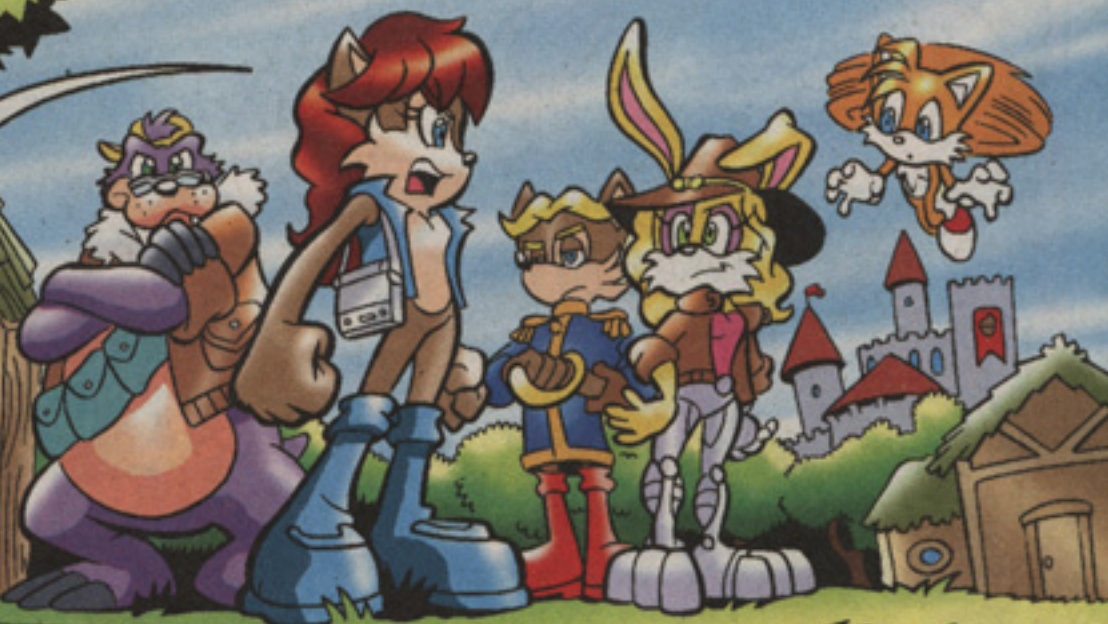
YES, WELL...
I BUILT METAL
SONIC, SO THE
VICTORY IS
MINE BY
ASSOCIATION.
BUT IF YOU
DISAPPROVE OF
ME USING THE
ROBOT...



...THEN
I'LL USE
THE REAL
THING,
INSTEAD!

KNOTHOLE.

IT HASN'T BEEN LONG SINCE METAL SONIC DRAGGED SONIC TO NEW MEGAOPOLIS. WE STILL HAVE TIME TO MOUNT A RESCUE MISSION.



ROTOR, YOU TAKE NICOLE AND MONITOR US DURING THE MISSION.

WILL-DO, PRINCESS!

ANTOINE D'COOLETTE AND BUNNIE RABBOT! YOU'LL BE PROVIDING OFFENSIVE SUPPORT. THINK YOU CAN HANDLE THAT?



OUI.

SHO'NUFF!



WHAT ABOUT ME, SALLY?

I'M COMING, TOO, RIGHT?

YOU SURE ARE, TAILS.

YOU AND I WILL BREAK INTO EGGMAN'S LAB AND GET SONIC OUT!

I APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT, GANG, BUT THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY!



SUGAH-HOG!
YOU MADE IT
OUT OKAY!

NOT
QUITE!

POW!

OOF!

POW!

POW!

POW!

SORRY
ABOUT THAT,
SAL. MY
NEXT TARGET IS
THE KING!

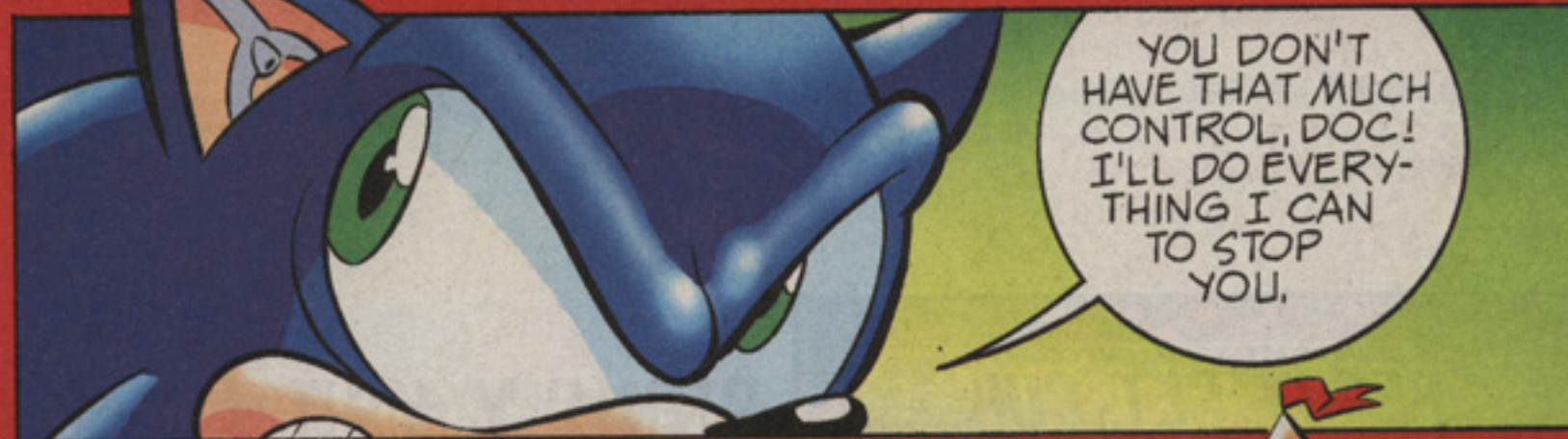
THEN
WE'LL NEED
THE ONE GUY
WHO'S BEEN
ABLE TO TAKE
YOU DOWN...



WATCH YOUR MOUTH, RODENT!



YOU'RE UNDER MY CONTROL NOW! SO NO MORE GIVING AWAY MY PLANS!



YOU DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH CONTROL, DOC! I'LL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO STOP YOU.



NICE TO KNOW, SINCE WE'LL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO STOP YOU!



(Berry-Berry happy)

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SONIC X #20

by McDonough, Patyk, Hutchison, & Austin
'Speed Lines': After losing countless races to Sonic, Sam Speed decides it's time to resort to drastic measures: utilize the perfect vehicle provided by a mysterious benefactor. This vehicle is no mere speed demon, however. It can transform into something much bigger, badder, and deadlier than imagined! When this super car morphs into a super robot, can Sonic win the race and save himself? Rev-up-your-engines cover by speedy Spaz!

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(Berry-Berry sad)



Slow go on the Yogos™

New Berry-Berry Banana
The fruity creamy taste you love
so much, you hate when it's gone.

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #175

by Ian Flynn & Tracy Yardley

'Eggman Empire': Up until now, Sonic the Hedgehog and Dr. Ivo 'Eggman' Robotnik have been fighting for one hundred and seventy four issues. Every time they've fought, Sonic has found some way to win the day. This issue, however, Dr. Robotnik pulls out all the stops. You'll never believe what happens! It's a 175th anniversary issue fans must have... and one that

Sonic will never forget!
Unbelievable cover by Spaz!

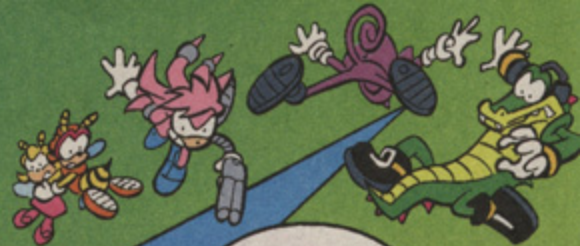
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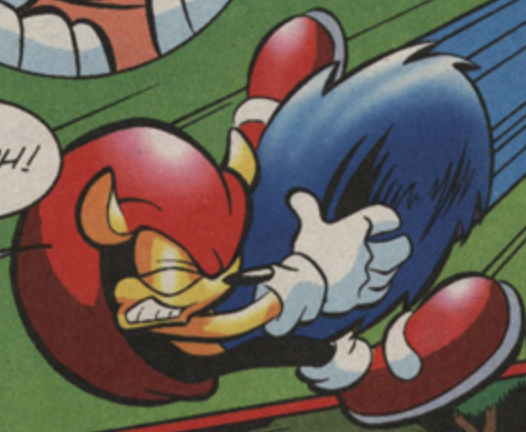


THE
CHAOTIX!
HATE TO
SAY IT,
GUYS...

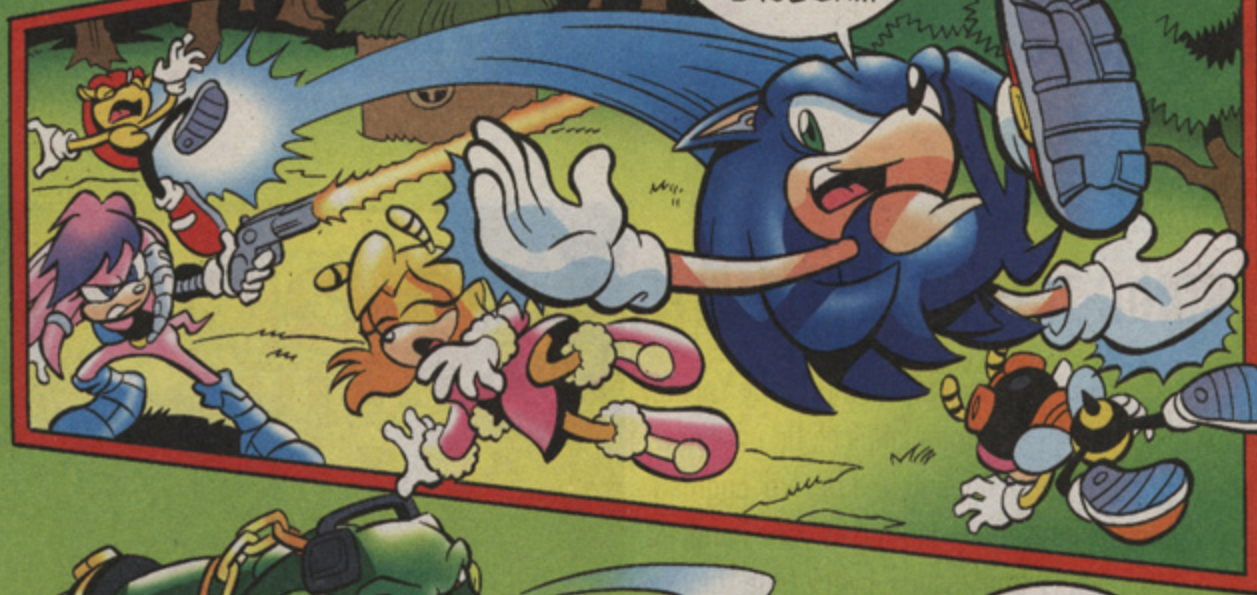


...BUT YOU
WON'T DO
MUCH BETTER
THAN THE
FREEDOM
FIGHTERS!

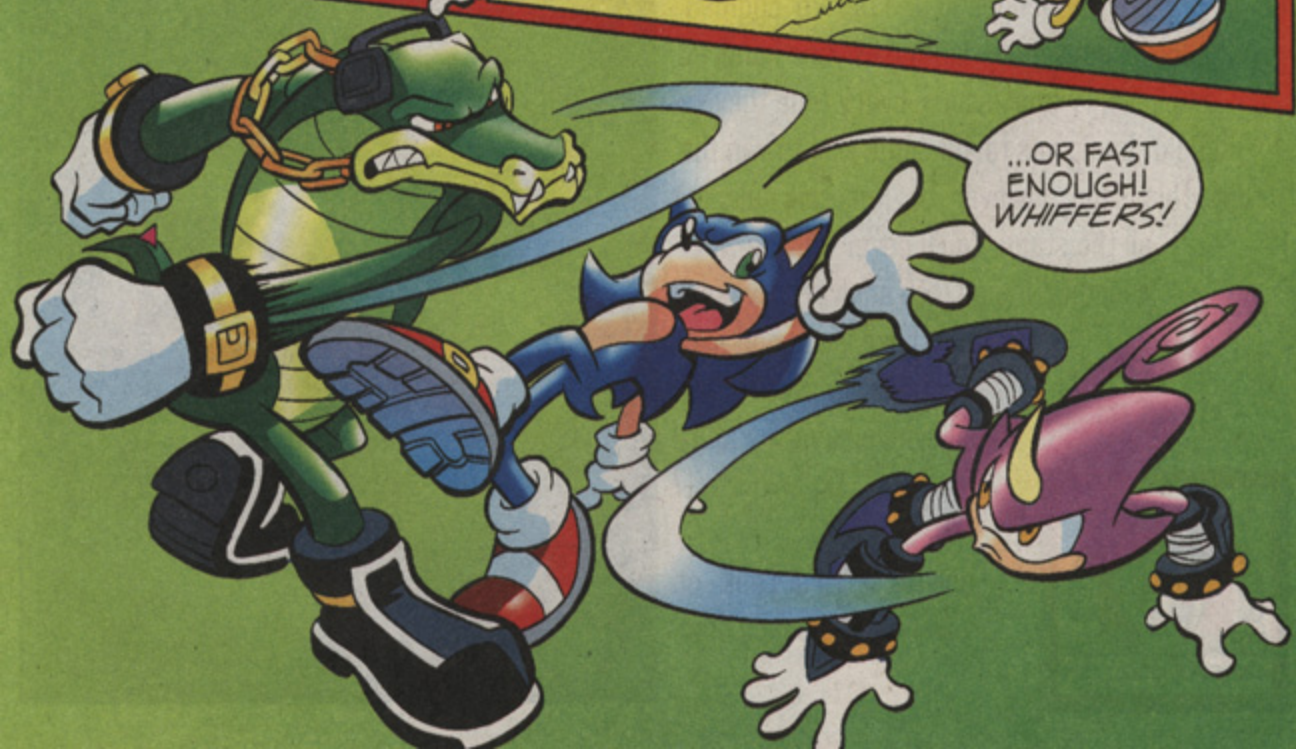
MMPH!



DON'T
GET ME
WRONG...
YOU GUYS
ROCK! BUT
NONE OF YOU
ARE STRONG
ENOUGH...



...OR FAST
ENOUGH!
WHIFFERS!



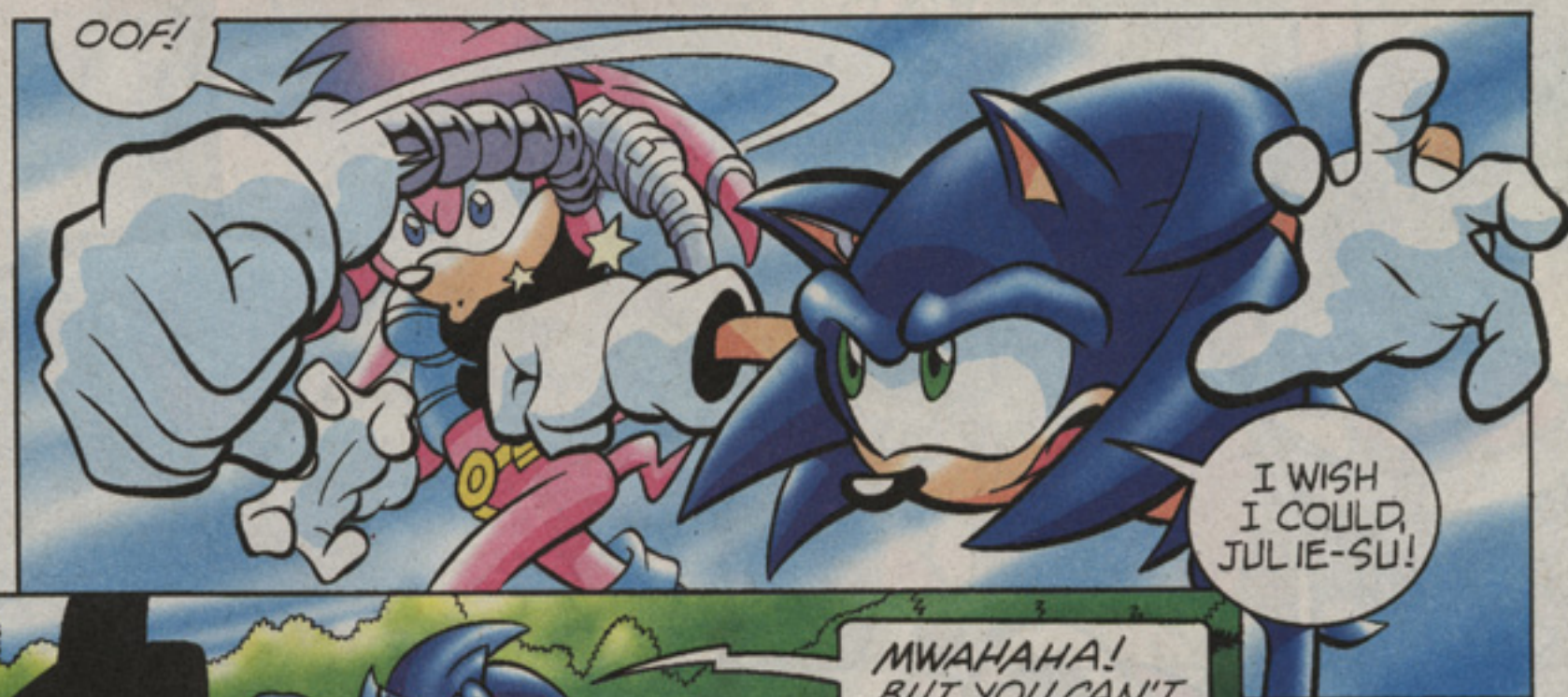


ALL
THAT
BEING
SAID...



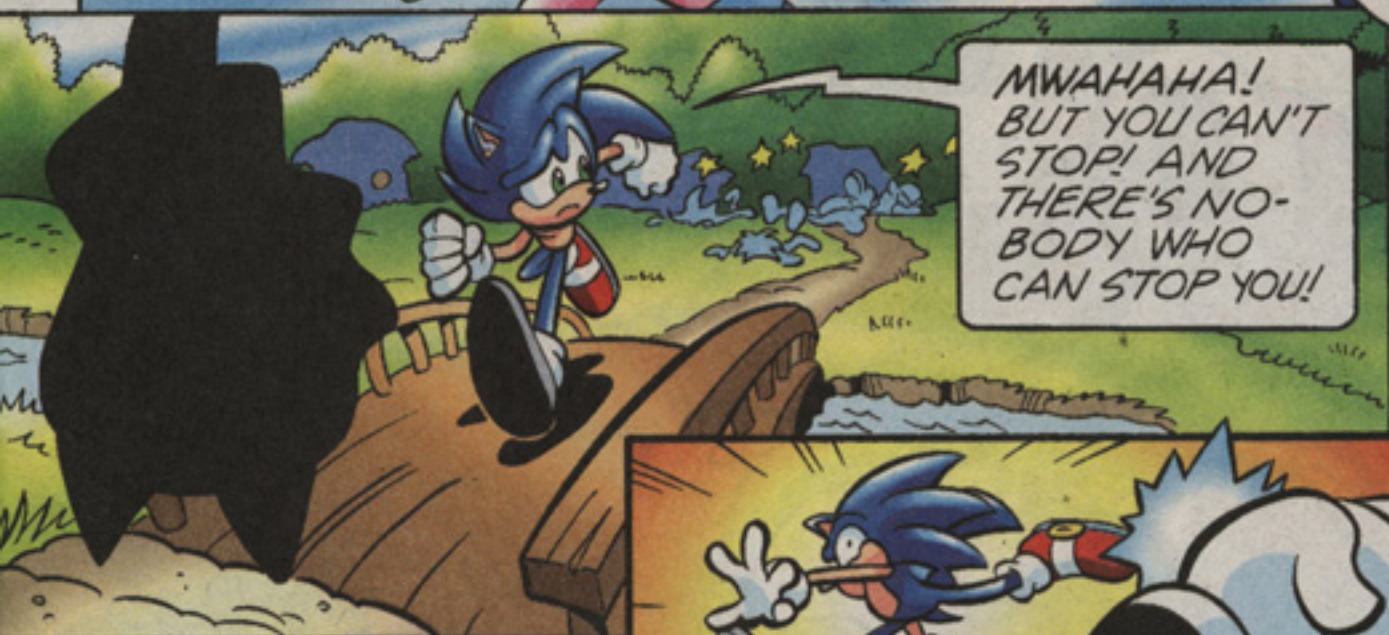
...I'M
REALLY
SORRY
ABOUT
ALL
THIS!

THEN
STOP!

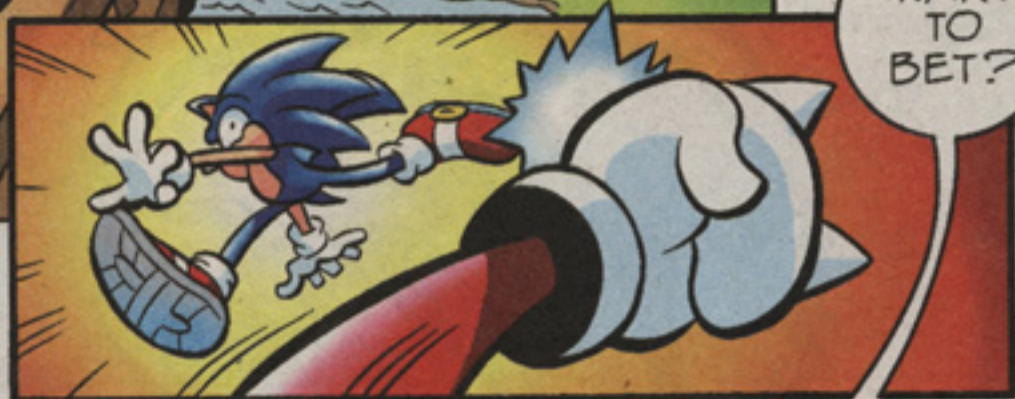


OOF!

I WISH
I COULD,
JULIE-SU!



MWAHAHA!
BUT YOU CAN'T
STOP! AND
THERE'S NO-
BODY WHO
CAN STOP YOU!

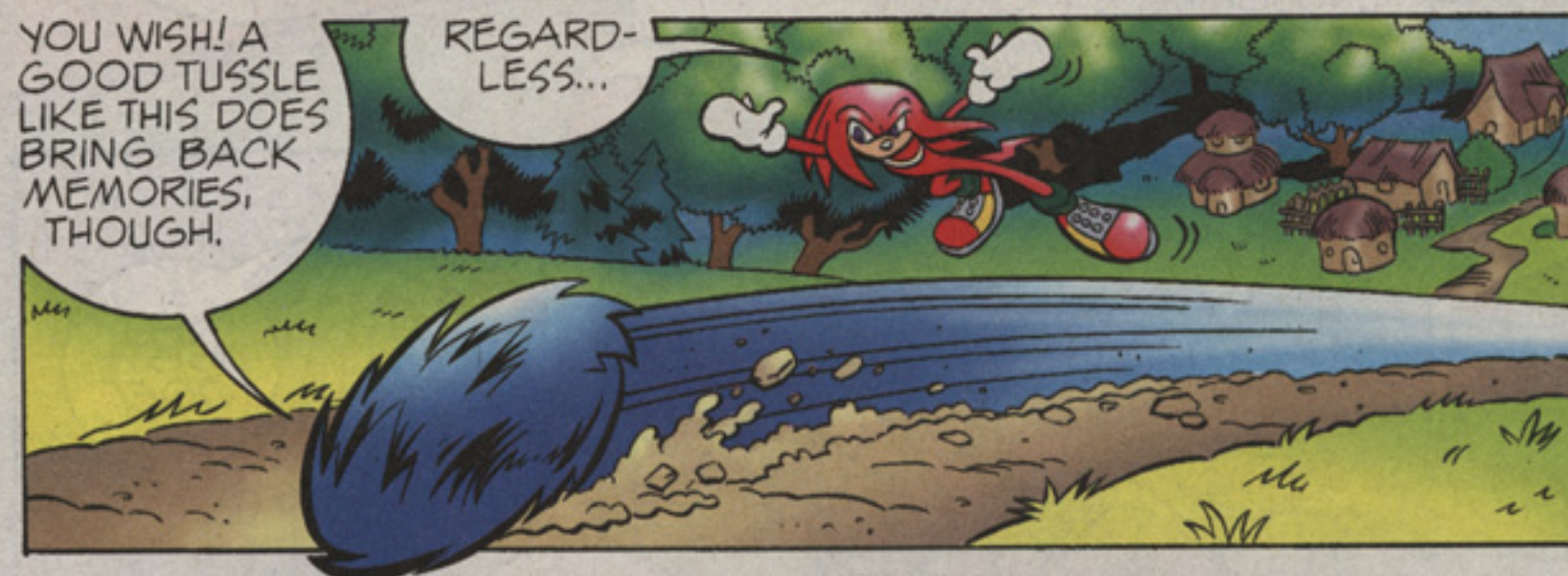
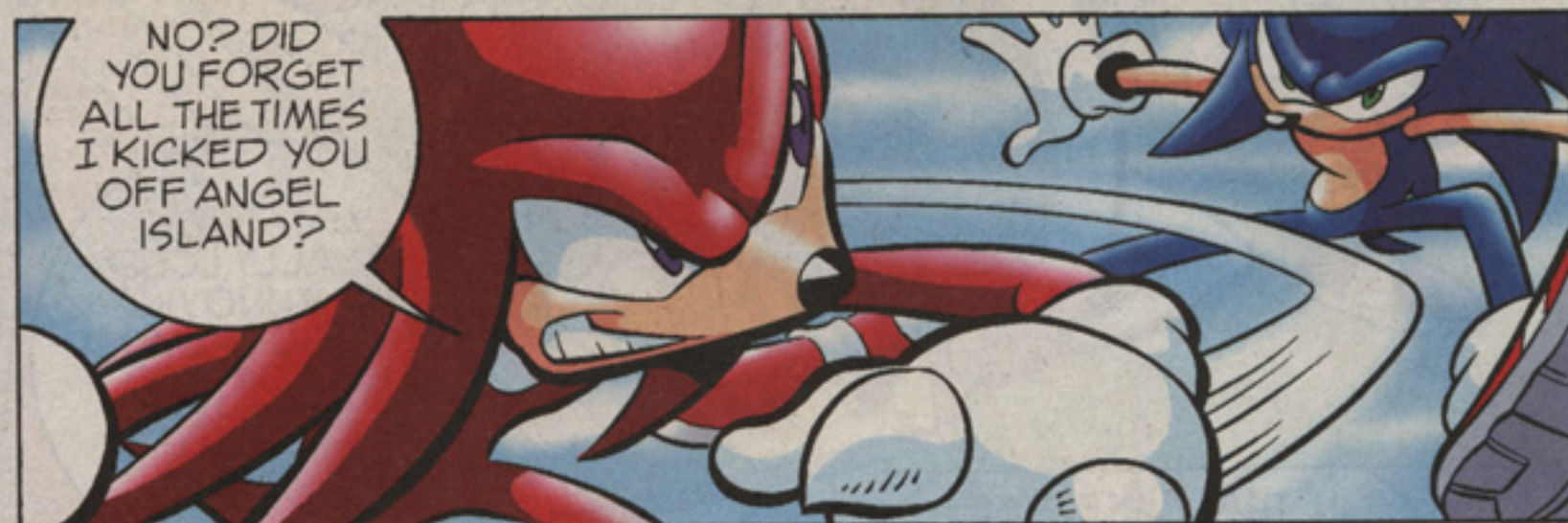
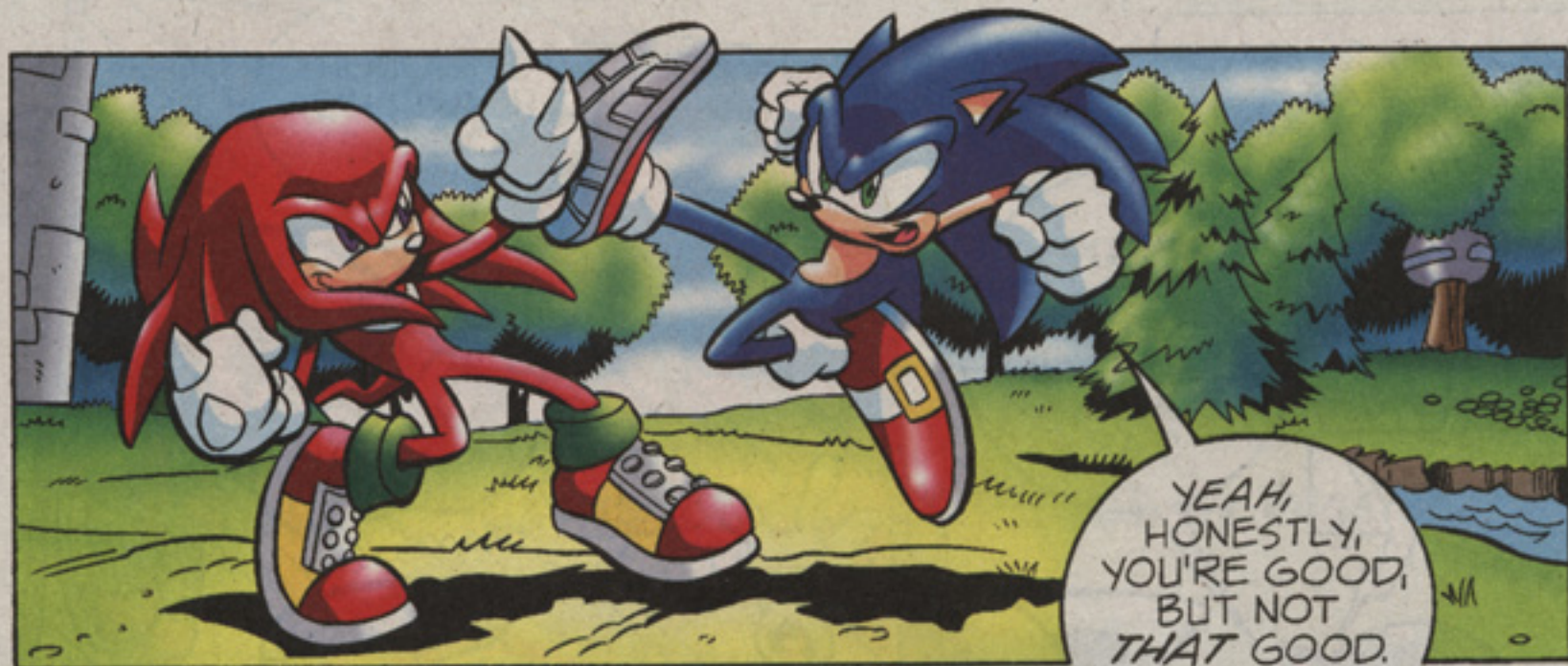


WANT
TO
BET?



KNUCKLES!
SO YOU'RE THE
"ONLY ONE"
WHO CAN STOP
ME, HUH!?

YOU
WERE
EXPECTING
MAYBE
SHADOW
?



DON'T YOU DARE
TELL HIM! I
COMMAND YOU
TO SHUT UP!

GRAAAH!

HE PUT
SOME KIND
OF NEURO-
CONTROLLER
IN MY
EAR.

I THOUGHT
I HEARD HIS
VOICE...

YEAH, HE'S
REALLY LOUD
AND ANNOYING...
I'VE GOT ALMOST
NO CONTROL
OVER MY
BODY, THANKS
TO HIM.

IN THAT CASE, I BET
ENOUGH BLUNT FORCE
TO YOUR HEAD WOULD
BREAK THE DEVICE!

ERM, YEAH...
I DON'T WANT
TO TEST THAT.

OH, DON'T
WORRY. I'LL
DO IT FOR YOU,
BUDDY.

I
INSIST--
OOF!

DON'T
GO TO THE
TROUBLE!



BAH!
THIS ISN'T
GOING WELL
AT ALL!

WHAT A
SURPRISE!

IT'S NOT MY FAULT!
THE CONTROLS ARE
HORRENDOUS! I
SHOULD'VE SPENT
MORE TIME IN
DEVELOPMENT.



NO! YOU
SHOULD'VE
SPENT MORE
TIME BUILDING
ROBOTS AND
MAKING
A REAL
PLAN!

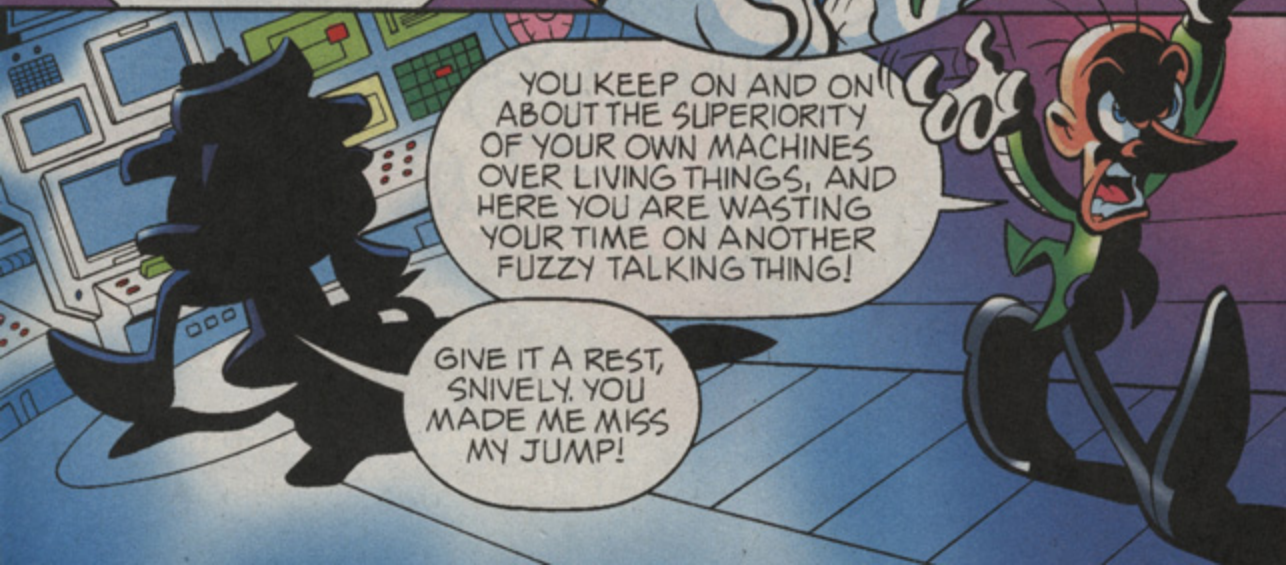
MAKING SONIC
MY PUPPET AND
TURNING HIM
AGAINST HIS DEAREST
FRIENDS IS A
REAL PLAN!

SENDING A ROBOT
DUPLICATE TO
CATCH HIM SO YOU
CAN PLAY GAMES
IS A *STUPID* PLAN!



YOU KEEP ON AND ON
ABOUT THE SUPERIORITY
OF YOUR OWN MACHINES
OVER LIVING THINGS, AND
HERE YOU ARE WASTING
YOUR TIME ON ANOTHER
FUZZY TALKING THING!

GIVE IT A REST,
SNIVELY. YOU
MADE ME MISS
MY JUMP!

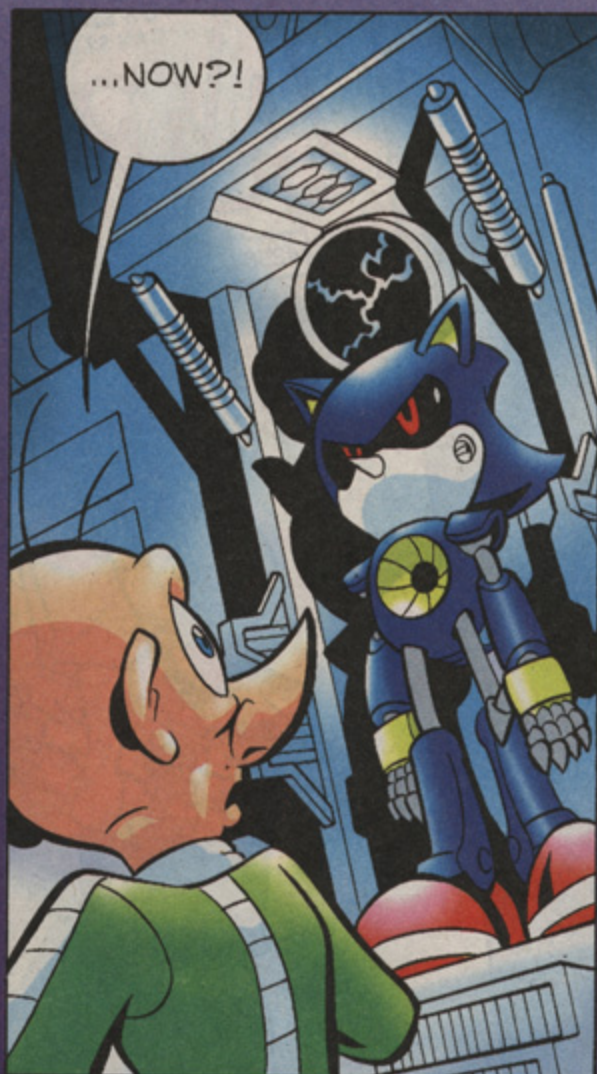




ONE MORE CONVOLUTED
PLAN READY TO BLOW UP
IN YOUR FACE, EH, UNCLE?
AND WHO WILL BE BLAMED
WHEN IT DOES, EH?
ME, THAT'S WHO.



ONE OF THESE DAYS, YOUR
EMPIRE WILL BE RIPE FOR THE
PICKING, AND THEN IT'LL BE
ALL MINE. SOMETIMES I
WONDER WHY I KEEP
WAITING AND DON'T
MAKE MY MOVE...



...NOW?!



YES...
WHY WAIT
AT ALL?

A panel showing Sonic the Hedgehog in a futuristic city. He is standing on a ledge, looking down at a character who is running away. The character is wearing a green and white striped shirt and a green skirt. A large shadow of the character is cast on the wall behind them.

JUST TO
UPDATE YOU,
THE EGG FLEET'S
PREPARATION
IS RIGHT ON
SCHEDULE.

A panel showing Dr. Eggman and a robot. Dr. Eggman is holding a small robot in his hand, looking at it with a smile. The robot is blue and white, with a yellow circular sensor on its chest. Dr. Eggman is wearing his signature orange and green outfit.

I'LL MAKE SURE TO
GET IT READY RIGHT
ON TIME. I'M SO
DEVOTED TO THE
EGGMAN EMPIRE,
AFTER ALL.

A large panel showing Dr. Eggman and Sonic. Dr. Eggman is on the left, holding a large, silver, mechanical arm. Sonic is on the right, looking at Dr. Eggman with a determined expression. Dr. Eggman is wearing his signature orange and green outfit. Sonic is wearing his signature blue and white outfit with red shoes.

I KNOW
YOU ARE,
SNIVELY. EVEN
WITH ALL YOUR
PAST TREACHERY,
I KNOW YOU
ARE LOYAL.

THAT'S WHY
EVERYTHING IN
NEW MEGAOPOLIS
IS PROGRAMMED
TO WATCH YOU.
ALL OF MY ROBOTS
WILL *HELP* YOU TO
REMEMBER YOUR
LOYALTY.



JUST LIKE
DEAR METAL SONIC
WAS PROTECTING
YOU FROM YOURSELF
AND THAT LITTLE BIT
OF OVER-WRITING
PROGRAMMING
YOU'VE BEEN
WORKING ON.

Y-Y-YOU
KNEW?

YES,
I'VE KNOWN
ABOUT IT.
ABOUT ALL
OF IT.

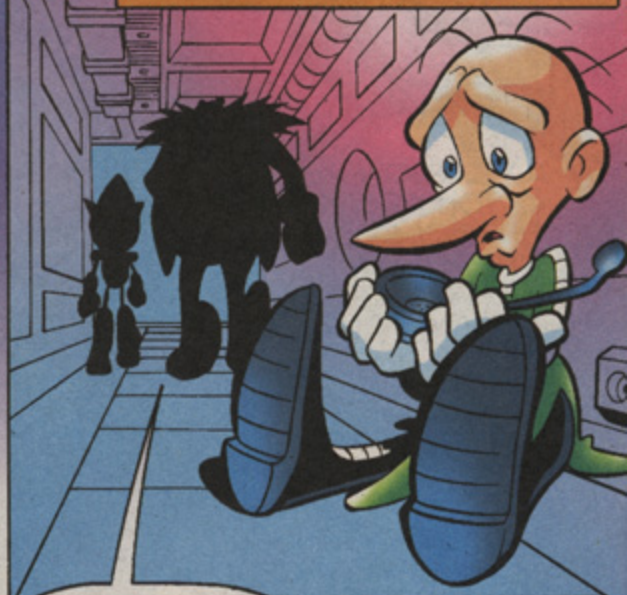
WHILE I'M OUT,
WHY DON'T YOU BE
A GOOD AND LOYAL
NEPHEW AND PULL THE
PLUG ON ALL YOUR
MISGUIDED, TREASONOUS
PROJECTS?

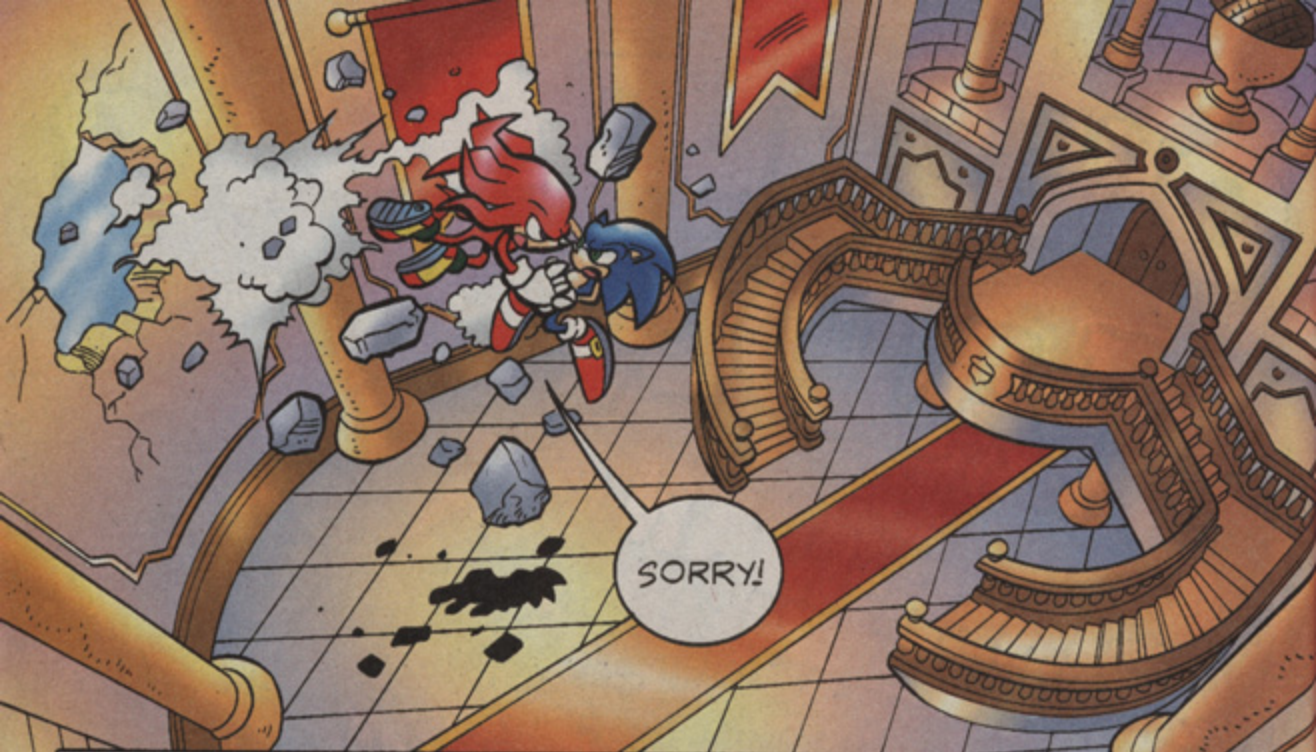


Y-YES,
SIR...
OUT?

I'VE SET SONIC
TO AUTO-BRAWL.
THE SITUATION
LOOKS LIKE IT'LL
NEED MY PERSONAL
TOUCH AFTER ALL.
I'LL BE BACK SOON.

Y-YES, SIR.
OF COURSE,
SIR.





SORRY!

HOLD STILL
AND LET ME
KNOCK SOME
SENSE INTO
YOU!

NO!

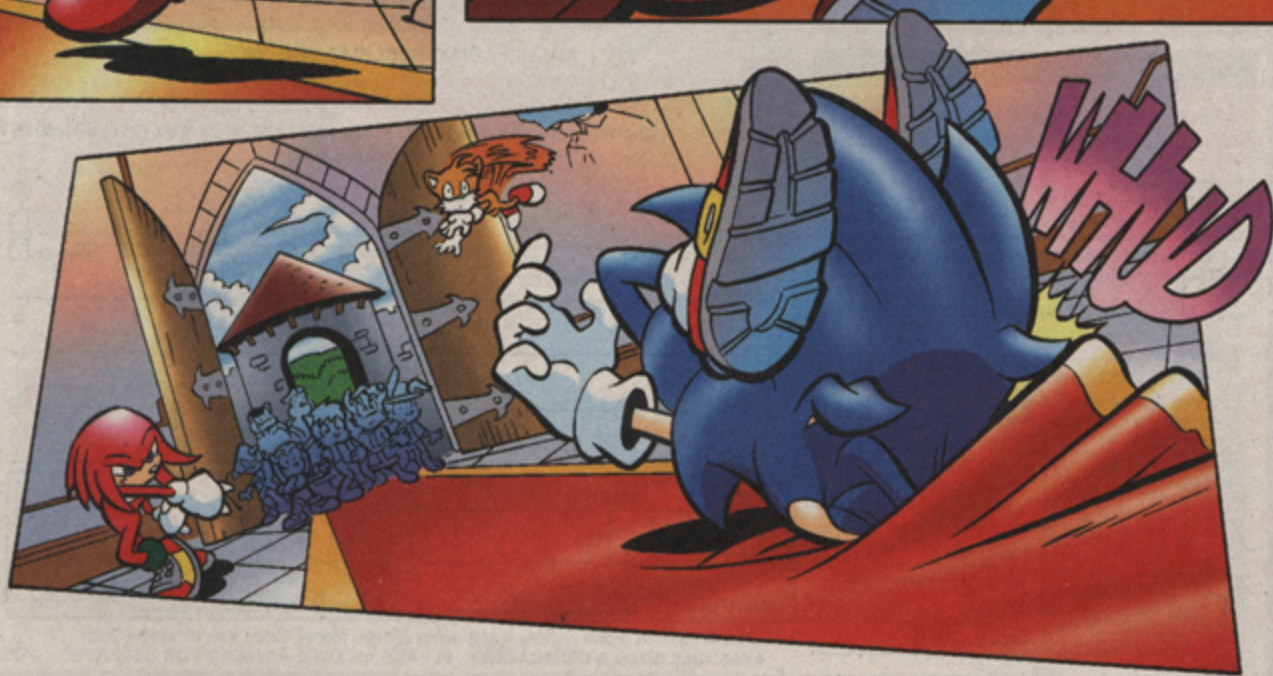
STOP ME SO ROTOR
CAN FISH THE THING
OUT OF MY EAR! GET
TAILS TO BUILD SOME
KIND OF JAMMING
SYSTEM! ANYTHING
BUT YOUR PLAN!

GRR...DON'T
BE SUCH A BABY!
IT'LL ONLY HURT
FOR A SECOND!

AND
WHAT IF IT
DOESN'T
WORK AFTER
ONE HIT?

THEN
WE'LL TRY
IT SOME
MORE!

YEAH,
SEE?
NO!



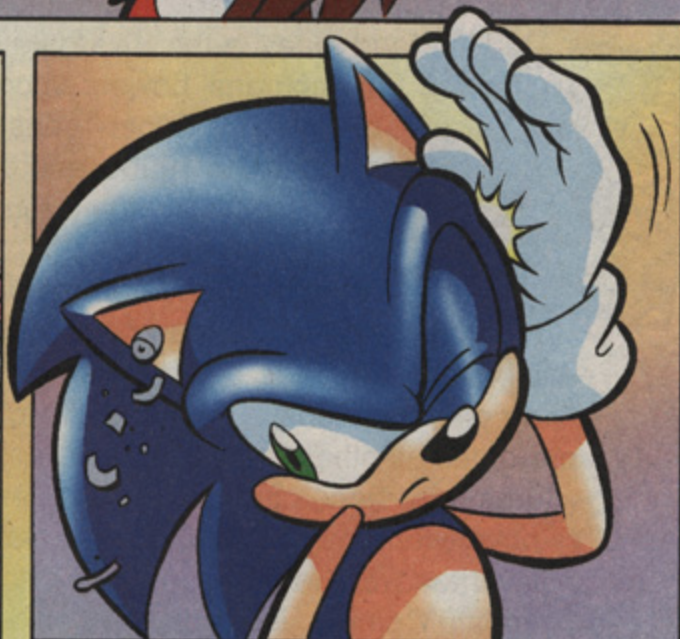
KNUCKLES! YOU
NEARLY TOOK
HIS HEAD
OFF!



BUT...THE
THING IN HIS
HEAD...I'M
SURE IT
BROKE
...?



...OOGAH...



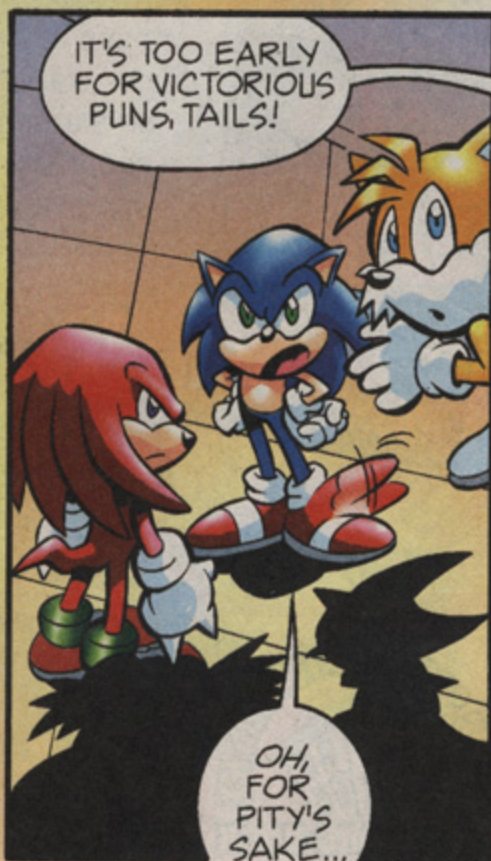
LOOKS
LIKE
YOUR
BRILLIANT
IDEA
WORKED,
KNUX.
THANKS.

HAHAHA!
OF COURSE
IT DID! JUST
LIKE I
PLANNED!

ARE YOU
SURE YOU
WEREN'T JUST
PLAYING IT
BY EAR?



IT'S TOO EARLY
FOR VICTORIOUS
PUNS, TAILS!



OH,
FOR
PITY'S
SAKE...

DID YOU KNOW . . .



Archie Comics is more than just a red-headed kid from Riverdale. Archie Comics is also successful with licensed comics! "The Adventures of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" followed the four heroes in a half-shell on many exciting and whimsical stories for the whole family. Legendary animation production company Hannah-Barbara also trusted their characters to the pages of Archie Comics for years!



One of the biggest success stories has been Sonic the Hedgehog. Spanning fifteen years, "Sonic the Hedgehog" is the second-longest running licensed comic ever! The title has seen numerous mini-series spin-offs featuring Sonic's buddies Tails, Princess Sally, and Knuckles the Echidna! Not to mention the many Sonic Specials! Now the Sonic Archives collection is growing with beautifully restored reprints of Sonic comics from the very beginning!



The action-adventure spun-off into the hilarious Sonic X! Now Sonic is one of the few solo comic book characters to star in multiple title! Sonic X is fast approaching its own milestone with an amazing twenty-fifth issue!

Better still was when Archie Comics teamed up with Sega to bring a special DVD Animated Comic with select copies of the newest game: Sonic and the Secret Rings!

Archie Comics has been the leader in All Ages comic books for 65 years and licensed comics are just another wonderful aspect of that success.



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...WOULD YOU GIVE IT A REST!? I'VE HAD A LONG DAY.

THERE'S NO REST FOR THE VIRTUOUS, RODENT! YOUR COLLECTIVE EXHAUSTION HAS PLAYED RIGHT INTO MY HANDS.

NOW WITH YOU ALL SO BATTLE-WEARY, YOU'RE RIPE FOR CAPTURE! I'LL TAKE CONTROL OF ALL YOUR BODIES AND USE YOU AS MY VANGUARD!

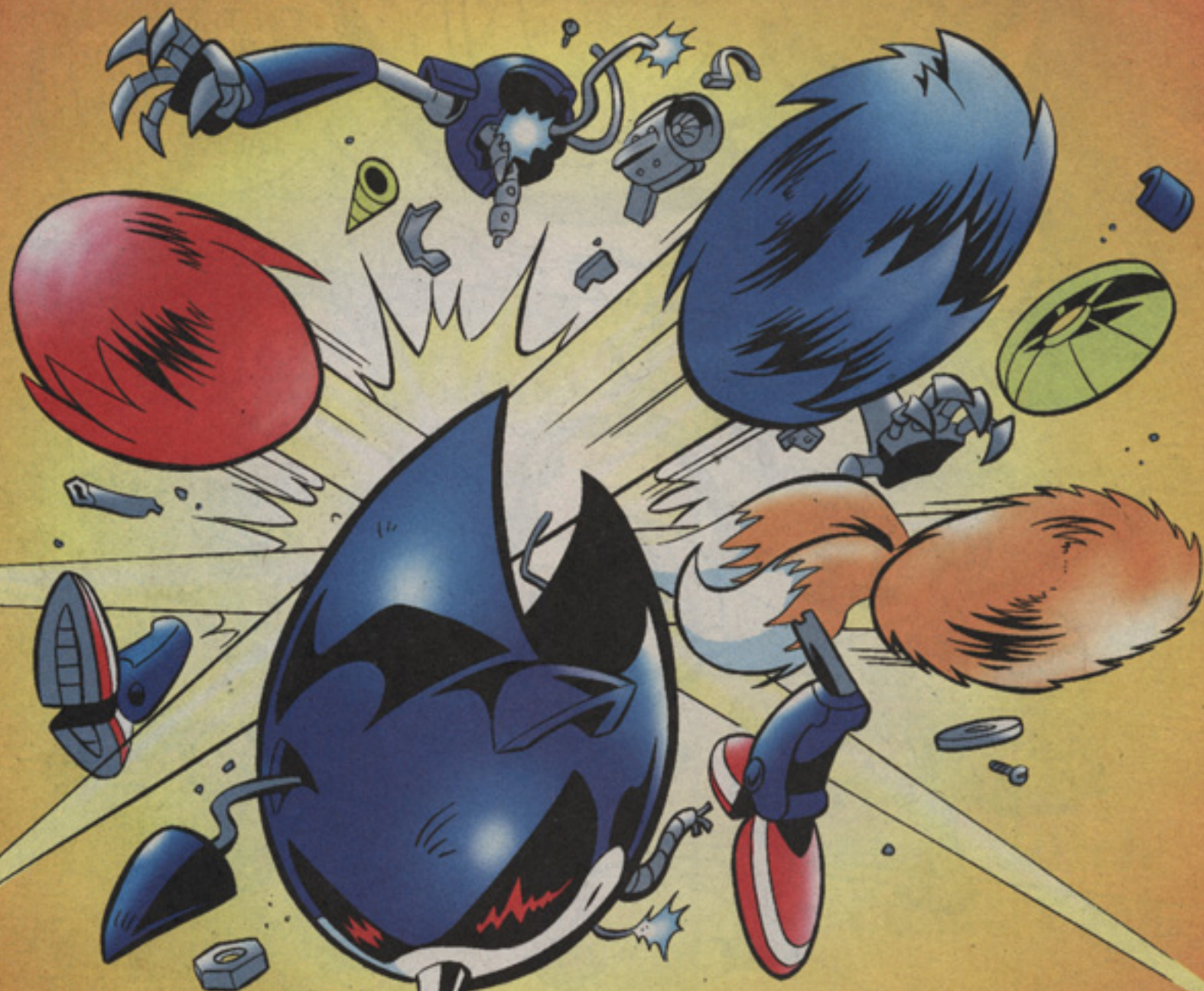
YOU'VE ALL PROVEN YOUR POWER WHILE TANGLING WITH SONIC! CONGRATULATIONS! NOW, METAL SONIC, **GET THEM!**



CARE TO
SHARE IN THE
PAYBACK,
GUYS?

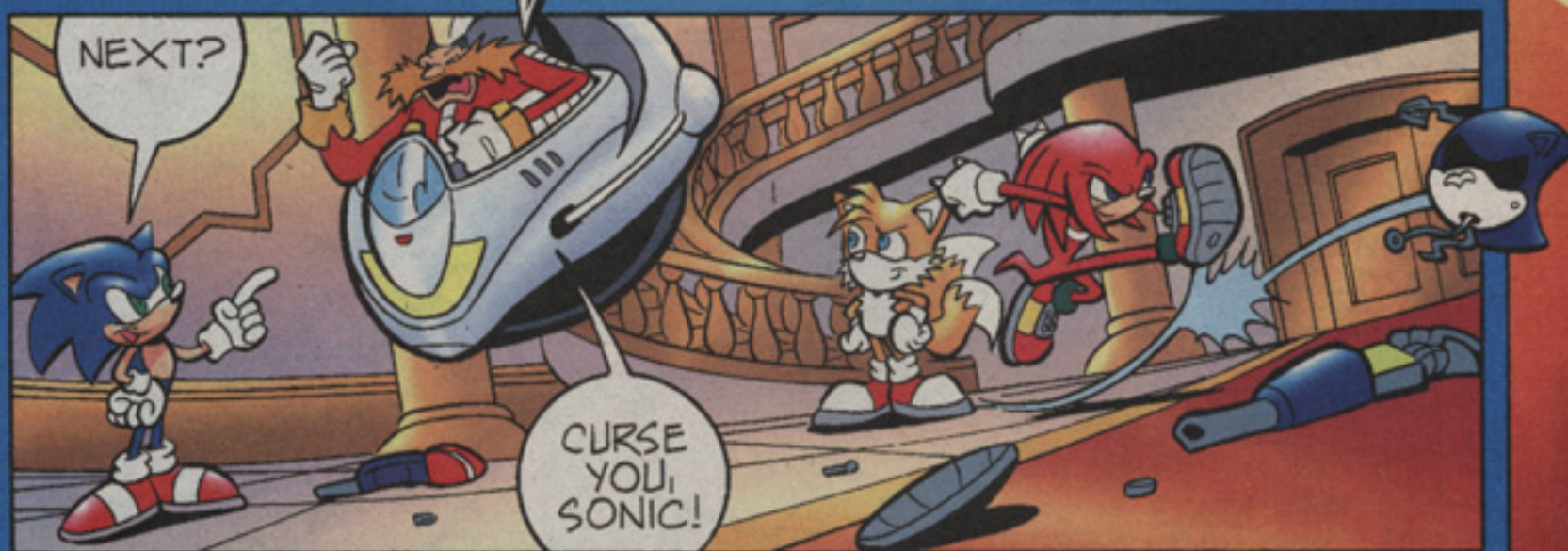
MY
PLEASURE!

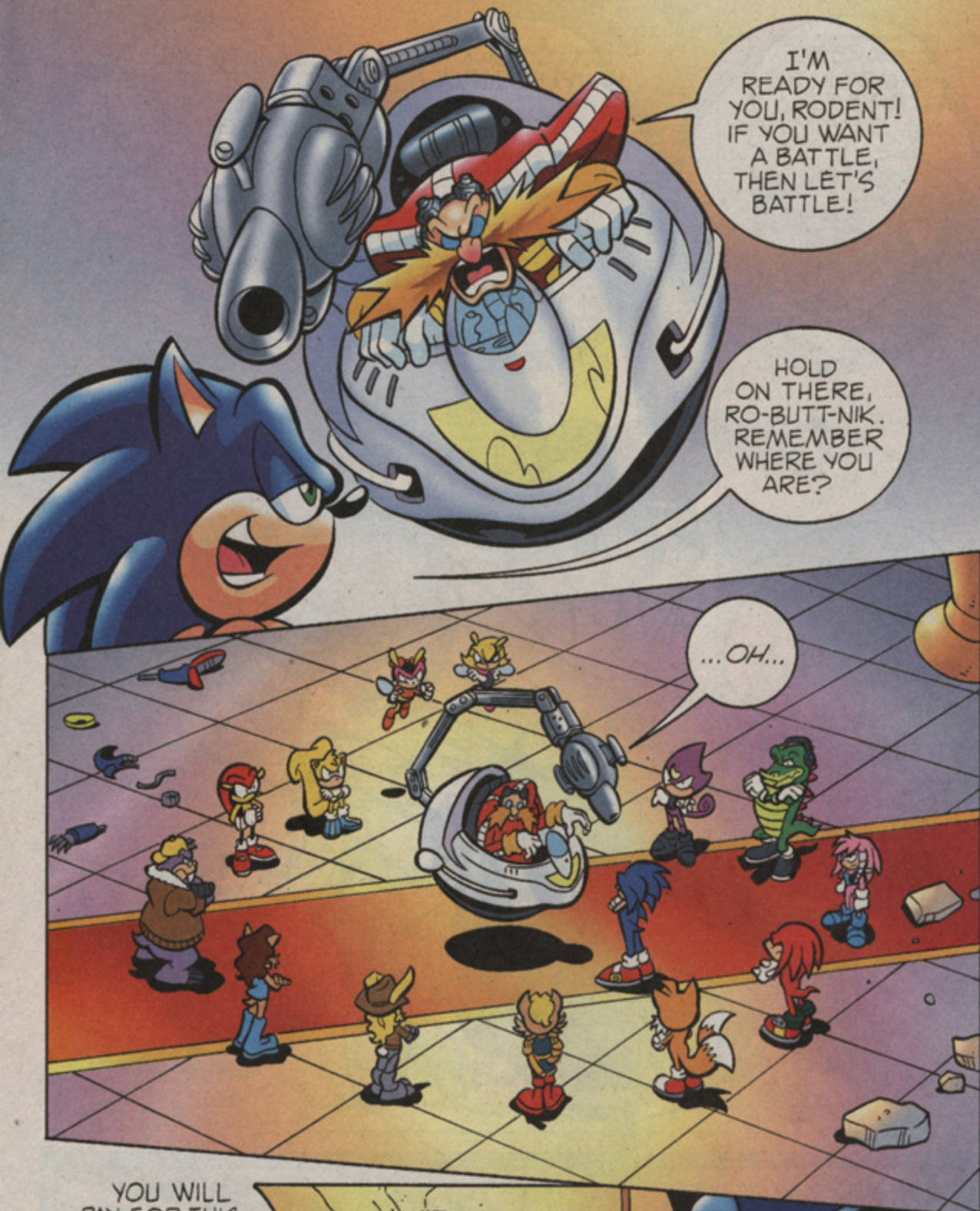
I FEEL
LIKE HITTING
ONE MORE
HEDGEHOG
HEAD!



NEXT?

CURSE
YOU,
SONIC!





I'M
READY FOR
YOU, RODENT!
IF YOU WANT
A BATTLE,
THEN LET'S
BATTLE!

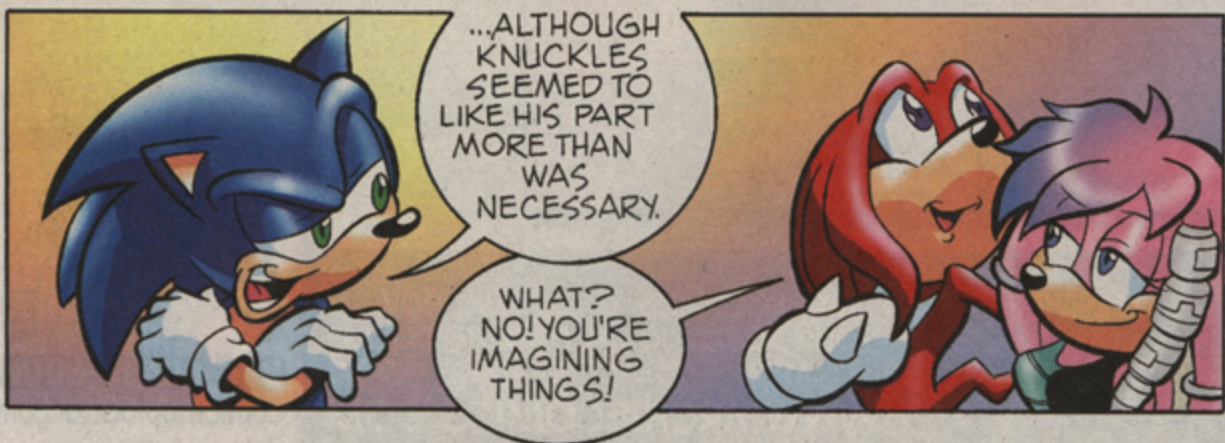
HOLD
ON THERE,
RO-BUTT-NIK.
REMEMBER
WHERE YOU
ARE?

...OH...

YOU WILL
PAY FOR THIS
EMBARRASS-
MENT! I WILL
SEE THE KING-
DOM OF ACORN
BURNED TO THE
GROUND!

SUUUUURE
YOU WILL!





Are you fast enough to keep up with Sonic?

Sonic's earliest adventures are being collected, from the mini-series that started it all to the first issues of the still-running comic book series.

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